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WHA Calendar:

HFMA Meeting Cody	11/16- 11-18

Other Events:

Title 25 Special Committee Meeting Cheyenne	10/17

Joint Labor Health & Social Services Committee Cheyenne	12/12- 12-13

WHA Board of Directors Appointed for 2017

Ryan Smith, CEO of Memorial Hospital of Converse County in Douglas, was installed as the 2016-2017 Chairman of the Wyoming Hospital Association's Board of Directors during the WHA's annual meeting and convention last week. Rick Schroeder, CEO of North Big Horn Hospital in Lovell, will remain on the board as Past Chairman

The 2017 officers also include Chair-Elect Doug Faus, CEO of Ivinson Memorial Hospital in Laramie. Mike McCafferty, CEO of Sheridan Memorial Hospital will serve as the Secretary/Treasurer.

Directors of the Association are Charlie Button, CEO of Star Valley Medical Center in Afton, Shelby Nelson, CEO of Banner Wyoming South, Torrington and Wheatland. Maureen Cadwell, CEO

of Weston County Health Services in Newcastle is the remaining Director of the Association for 2017.

Doug McMillan, CEO of West Park Hospital in Cody remains on the WHA board as an ex-officio in his role as delegate to the AHA Regional Policy Board.

Andy Fitzgerald, CEO of Campbell County Health is an ex-officio board member in his role as alternate delegate to the AHA Regional Policy Board.

The WHA Board of Directors provides vision, sets direction, and establishes policy for the association.

A schedule of WHA Board meetings will be posted in the near future.

Beyond participation on the Board, the WHA has committees that are designed to give members an opportunity

to contribute to the WHA's policy positions and educational offerings. Current committees include the Legislative Committee, which develops the WHA's legislative agenda and provides guidance on key regulatory issues.

The Legislative Committee typically meets in the fall to begin considering issues the Legislature is expected to consider, and to develop the WHA's own set of legislative priorities.

Contact the WHA offices for more information about these and other opportunities to participate in the WHA and its leadership in healthcare issues in Wyoming.

And to offer your feedback or input to Board members or WHA staff, you can reach the directors at their hospitals, or contact the WHA at (307) 632-9344.





Tina Toner

Toner Receives Norman S. Holt Nursing Award

Tina Toner, RN, has been awarded the 2016 Norman S. Holt Award for Nursing Excellence.

Tina is the Chief Nursing Officer at North Big Horn Hospital in Lovell.

An excerpt from her nomination form reads as follows:

“It states on the back of Tina’s business card “The patient comes first” That’s basically her motto and

whenever possible she will bring a patient story to the staff meeting to inform staff of why we want to do something differently. All patient complaints are shared with the staff to some degree to discuss ideas for improvement.

Tina has a very positive work approach to superiors, peers and subordinates by working collaboratively. Everyone works together

and for each other.

This was just one of the many reasons Tina was chosen for the award. Her nomination form continues with her many accomplishments on both her personal and professional levels.

Tina received her award at the WHA/LAW Annual Meeting Awards Banquet on September 7th.

WYO Chapter of ACHE Issues 2016 Recognition Awards

The Wyoming Chapter of the American College of Healthcare Executives recognized four Chapter members during the Chapter’s annual meeting held during the WHA annual conference this past week.

The award recipients were also honored and presented their awards during the WHA awards dinner, as a feature event during the conference.

The Wyoming Chapter membership totals nearly 90 active members statewide, with the awards being based upon leadership, innovative and creative management, executive excellence in developing their own organization and promoting its growth and stature in their respective community.

The Chapter is pleased to have recognized two individuals that have been critical to the successes at Ivinson Memorial Hospital in Laramie – with Doug Faus, CEO, presented with the ACHE Senior-Level Execu-

tive Award, and Luke Schneider, CEO of Medicine Bow Technologies, presented with the ACHE Early-Careerist Award. Luke also serves as the IT Director locally for Ivinson Memorial Hospital

In addition, ACHE Service Awards were also presented to Margie Molitor, Interim CEO at Hot Springs County Memorial Hospital in Thermopolis and Robin Roling, COO for Cheyenne Regional Medical Center.

Margie and Robin have both been particularly actively involved and engaged with ACHE, having made significant contributions to

the advancement of healthcare management excellence.

Margie has previously served as the ACHE Regent for Wyoming, and Robin is currently the secretary/ treasurer for the Wyoming Chapter.

Current Regent, Maureen Cadwell, CEO at Weston County Health Services and Neil Hilton, Wyoming Chapter President is pleased to have presented these awards and sincerely appreciate the opportunity to issue these awards to all four highly deserving Wyoming hospital leaders this year.



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